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1. U.S. 5,976,110

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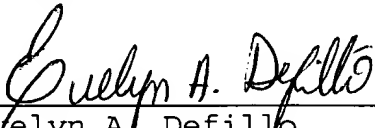
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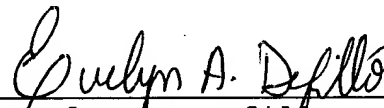
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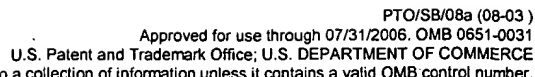
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